Joint patrolling in Jammu and Kashmir

*72. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the U. S. Government offered any proposal for joint patrolling in the Jammu and Kashmir against the Al-Qaida;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any U.S. proposal is pending with Government for joint activity to combat terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

U.S. Efforts to cut through Indo-Pak war

*73. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether U. S. Government has been trying hard to cut through Indo-Pak war;

(b) if so, whether U.S.A. is already in contact with the U.K., France and even Secretary General, UNO and China;

(c) if so, to what extent U.S.A. has taken steps to break the deadlock;

(d) whether they have made it clear that until and unless Pakistan stops border crossing and infiltration in practice the tension would continue; and

(e) to what extent U.S.A. has been able to reduce tension between India and Pakistan, so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) The international community, including the United States, has made efforts in support of India's position that Pakistan must permanently stop cross-border terrorism against India, in accordance with President Musharraf's commitments of 12 Jaunary, 2002 and 27 May, 2002, in order to diffuse the current tension between India and Pakistan.

(c) and (d) The United States conveyed to the Government President Musharraf's pledge on an immediate and permanent end to cross-border infiltration as also his assurance on action against terrorist camps in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir and expressed hope for de-escalatory steps from India. U. S. Secretary of State Colin Powell stated on 25 May, 2002 that cross-border activity was very destabilising and is a source of tension.

(e) Government took certain calibrated de-escalatory steps on the basis of its assessment of the situation on the ground. However, a permanent cessation of cross-border terrorism is required for diffusion of the current tension between India and Pakistan.

Mori International Survey

*74. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the findings of the survey conducted in Kashmir by the Mori International, one of the largest media organisation in the United Kingdom;

(b) if so, the findings of the survey; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following are the main findings of the MORI poll :

> —Overall, two thirds of people in Jammu and Kashmir take the view that Pakistan's involvement in the region for the last ten years has been bad. Only 15% believe it has been good for the region, while 18% say it has made no real difference.